

Providing the best quality of life requires informed decisions.

The best way to provide compassionate care and a comfortable life to your child with special needs is to support your legal and financial decisions with reliable information and proven expertise. That's why America's finest disability attorneys have combined their talents to create the Special Needs Alliance®.

As attorneys in the field of disability and public benefits law, we help to enhance your child's quality of life. Every member of the alliance has the resources and legal expertise to help you maintain public benefits for your child and develop effective estate plans that protect your assets.

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The Special Needs Alliance (SNA) is a national organization comprised of attorneys committed to the practice of disability and public benefits law.

Individuals with disabilities, their families, and advisors rely on the SNA to connect them with nearby attorneys who focus their practices in the disability law arena. SNA member attorneys understand the challenges of this area of law, professionally and personally, as many have family members with special needs, or are active within the disability community.

Born in 2002 out of a collective belief that individuals with special needs have a right to representation that considers the added dimension of their quality of life, the SNA works to protect the financial future of these individuals and their families.

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Helping Families, Helping Professionals

The SNA mission is two-fold: We assist clients in locating experienced disability and public benefits attorneys in their area. We also assist other professionals and settlement companies in personal injury and medical malpractice matters involving clients with special needs.

Protecting Futures

Members of the Special Needs Alliance understands that disability and public benefits laws provide opportunities for abuse and mismanagement that may threaten the financial futures of individuals with special needs. These could include the loss or reduction of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), subsidized housing, and Medicaid. SNA member attorneys work to protect these assets and strive to ensure that all potential benefits remain available.

Addressing the Spectrum of Need

Professionals:

- Counsel individuals with special needs regarding settlement terms.
- Determining the necessity of a special needs trust, structured settlement annuity, or other trust instrument.
- Securing and maintaining public benefits for a person who has a disability as a result of personal injury/medical malpractice.

Trust Drafting and Court and Governmental Approval:

- Drafting special needs trusts.
- Securing governmental approval of special needs trusts.
- Resolving third party and government claims and liens against settlement proceeds.

Families:

- Estate planning.
- Drafting wills/trusts tailored for special needs.
- Probate court representation.

Public Benefits:

- Determining what public benefits are available to clients to help enhance their lives.
- Explaining to clients and families the operation of special needs trusts and what can be paid for on behalf of the beneficiary from the special needs trust.



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